

Hi my name is Nomari,

I am here to tell you my story as it relates to expungement.

Today is my eighteenth birthday. At the age of thirteen I caught my first charge. It was an assault and battery with a deadly weapon. My second case was for vandalizing school property which I was also expelled for. My third case was being charged as a runaway, and that's only 3 of 5 cases. Every court case I have had, have been dismissed but they are still on my record.

My record gets in the way of many things. For example, I want to go to college but I don't know if I will be eligible for student loans due to the fact that my record continues to follow me with the mistakes I made in the past.

That's why this bill is important to me because it will give me a second chance and others that are finding their records standing in the way of their futures as well. I was never found guilty; all my cases were dismissed.

I grew up in Lawrence and - no offence to Andover - but if I was a white kid living in the next town over, I probably wouldn't have this problem.

I NOMARI YANIS VEGA-COLON DESERVE A SECOND CHANCE!

Thank you for including an expansion to expungement in S.2820 in the House bill.

Sincerely,
Nomari Vega-Colon